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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: J. Tracy Weed et al.

Application No.: 09/752,809

Art Unit.: 3629

Filing Date: 12/27/2000

Examiner: Michael J. Fisher

For: "Manufacturing Integrated Circuits"

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 30, 2005

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	71	Minus	71	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0
Indep.	5	Minus	5	= 0	x \$200 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$360 =	\$0
					Total Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

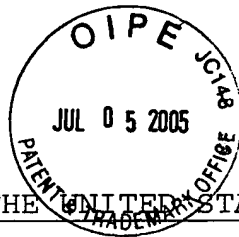
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-71 are pending in the present application. Claims 19, 26, 27, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-25 and 28-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because of "lack of technological innovation". Claims 1-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "National Security and the Semiconductor Industry" (Dallmeyer).

Claims 1, 19, 27, 28, 46, and 53 are amended herein.